

**CEDARTOWN CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016**

Commissioners Present: Larry Odom, Chairman
 Dale Tuck, Chairman Pro-Tem
 Andrew Carter
 Matt Foster
 Jordan Hubbard

Also Present: Bill Fann, City Manager
 Carey Pilgrim, City Attorney
 Carol Crawford, City Clerk

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dale Tuck called the meeting to order. Police Chief Newsome gave the invocation, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

OATH OF OFFICE – COMMISSIONERS CARTER AND TUCK

The Honorable Cedartown Municipal Court Judge Andrew Roper called upon Andrew Carter and Dale Tuck to stand and repeat the Oath of Office for Commissioners of the City of Cedartown.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND PRO-TEM APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Fann opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the City Commission. Commissioner Tuck nominated Commissioner Odom to the position of Chairman of the City Commission. Commissioner Foster seconded the nomination, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Odom as Chairman of the Commission.

City Manager Fann opened the floor for nominations for Chairman Pro-Tem. A motion was made by Chairman Odom to appoint Commissioner Tuck as Chairman Pro-Tem, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Commissioner Tuck as Chairman Pro-Tem.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER

Chairman Odom welcomed Commissioner Andrew Carter.

AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVED

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the current agenda and the City Commission meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 as submitted by the secretary.

PROCLAMATION – CEDARTOWN BULLDOG ALL STARS 10 & UNDER GRPA FOOTBALL

Chairman Odom read a proclamation recognizing the 2015 Cedartown Bulldog All Stars 10 & under football team and their coaches for their athletic accomplishment in winning the 10 & under GRPA Football State Championship.

PROCLAMATION – REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Commissioner Foster read a proclamation recognizing the accomplishments of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and encouraged the citizens of Cedartown to work together to unite in their efforts by serving others and join the celebration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Monday, January 18, 2016.

RECOGNITION OF CITY RETIREE RICKY CORLEY

Chairman Odom recognized City Retiree Ricky Corley for his 22 years and 4 months of service to the City. He was presented an appreciation gift for his service from the Commission.

PRESENTATION OF THE EMILY SHAW ADMINISTRATION AWARD

Stacey Cooper with the Cedartown Police Department was presented the Emily Shaw Administration Award.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOBBY ALEXANDER PUBLIC WORKS AWARD

Martin Arguello with the Cedartown Recreation Department was presented the Bobby Alexander Public Works Award.

PRESENTATION OF THE RAY MERRITT PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD

Fire Lieutenant Jason Shuman with the Cedartown Fire Department was presented the Ray Merritt Public Safety Award.

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY RECOGNITION

Longevity Awards were presented to the following city employees that have 25 years of service with the city: Ralph Willbanks, Richard Stephens, Steve Rush, Henry Runyan, Bruce Lay and James Ray.

Longevity Awards were presented to the following city employees that have 15 years of service with the city: Ricky Wilson, John Pilgrim, Craig Payton, Tracy Marlow, Jacki Bunch and Lisa Barker.

Longevity Awards were presented to the following city employees that have 10 years of service with the city: James Stroup, Ralph Smith, Daniel Scipper, Chris Reed, Jose Nevarez, Jeremy Manning, Joshua Jackson and Lance Green.

Longevity Awards were presented to the following city employees that have 5 years of service with the city: Drenn Morgan, Hollis Jackson and Martin Arguello.

DELEGATE – WILLIE SIMPSON – USE OF TURNER STREET CENTER

Willie Simpson appeared before the Commission requesting the use of the Turner Street Recreation Center Monday through Friday in the afternoon to provide a mentoring and tutoring program. The Commission directed Ms. Simpson to speak with Bishop Joseph Sewell regarding the use of the Turner Street Center for the program.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- Projects for 2016 are the Lankford Event Center project, the Big Spring Park & Trail Project, the Water Plant Rehabilitation Project, the CDBG Sewer Improvement Project in the mill village area, continued renovations and recruitment of new tenants at One Door Polk and the 62 Unit Townhouse Development Project.
- Plans and improvements for 2016 are the continued participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and continued recruitment efforts regarding commercial and industrial prospects, continued and strengthened elimination of blighted properties, continued improvement in water and sewer infrastructure, continued sponsorship and support of events that showcase our downtown area, continued enhancements and improvements to our recreation facilities and the purchase of necessary equipment and vehicles for our operational departments.
- Edward Guzman has been promoted to Assistant City Clerk.

SEWER LINE REPAIR BIDS – WEST JOHN HAND ROAD

City Manager Fann recommended the acceptance of the low bid from J.H. Benefield and Sons for the sewer line replacement on West John Hand Road and the Georgia Lane area in the amount of \$55,250. A motion was made by Commissioner Foster to approve the low bid in the amount of \$55,250 from J.H. Benefield and Sons. Commissioner Tuck seconded, Commissioner Hubbard abstained from voting, Commissioners Carter and Odom voting “Aye” the low bid from J.H. Benefield and Sons in the amount of \$55,520 was approved for the sewer line replacement on West John Hand Road and Georgia Lane area.

AMENDED CEDARTOWN ARTS COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Tuck, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved the amended Cedartown Arts Commission appointments and terms as presented.

REPEAL/REVISION OF CITY EQUIPMENT LENDING ORDINANCE

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carter, all voting “Aye” none voting “No” the Commission approved **ORDINANCE 1, 2016** to repeal its ordinance Section 70-7 concerning use of heavy City equipment by private persons.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Carter stated that he was excited about serving as a new Commissioner and that the City of Cedartown employees were the best around.
- Commissioner Tuck commended the Department Heads stating that the department activity statements on the monthly reports were very well done.

- Commissioner Foster stated that a fantastic year had ended and that he is looking forward to this year. Commended the employees for a job well done. The MLK Celebration will be held at the Cedartown Auditorium on Monday, January 18th.
- Commissioner Hubbard welcomed Commissioner Carter. He stated that the employee longevity awards showed that the city employees were willing to work and loved the city and that he was thankful for them.
- Chairman Odom stated that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve. He is thankful for Commissioner Tuck for what she has done for the city, and that he appreciated her service to the city.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Foster made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Tuck seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission went into executive session.

On motion by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Hubbard, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission came out of executive session.

APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME AUDITORIUM DIRECTOR

On motion by Commissioner Tuck, seconded by Commissioner Foster, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission approved the appointment of Oscar Guzman as the part time Auditorium Director.

ADJOURN

At 7:25 p.m., there being no further business for consideration, Commissioner Carter moved to adjourn. Commissioner Foster seconded, all voting "Aye" none voting "No" the Commission adjourned.

APPROVED:

**CHAIRMAN, CEDARTOWN
CITY COMMISSION**

ATTEST:

CAROL CRAWFORD, CITY CLERK